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CULTIVABLE LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers have been divided in three categories in terms of ownership of cultivable land in country;

(b) if so, the number of small marginal and big farmers in the country, separately and the percentage of cultivable land owned by them out of the total cultivable land of India; and

(c) the percentage of production by the farmers out of the total annual average agriculture production in the country, categorywise and average price of their production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): The farmers in the country are divided into five broad categories namely Marginal, Small, Semi-Medium, Medium & Large on the basis of the size of their operational holdings. The number of operational holdings, area operated, and the percentage to total operated area according to these categories are given in Annexure-I.

(c): The estimates of production and prices by marginal, small, semi-medium, medium and large categories are not generated by the Government.

Annexure-I

Size-group wise Number and area of operational holdings in the country during 1990-91

Size-group	No.of operational holdings (In 000)	Percentage to total (%)	Operated Area (in 000 ha.)	Percentage to total (%)
Marginal (Below 1.0 ha)	63389	59.4	24894	15.0
Small (1.0 - 2.0 ha)	20092	18.8	28827	17.4
Semi-medium (2.0 - 4.0 ha)	13923	13.1	38375	23.2
Medium (4.0- 10.0 ha)	7580	7.1	44752	27.1
Large (Above10.0 ha)	1654	1.6	28659	17.3
All Size-groups	106637	100.0	165507	100.0

Figures may not tally due to rounding off.

Source: All India report on Agricultural Census, 1990-91 - Table 3.2 (Pp-17)